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26 February 1961

Mr. J. M. Barker

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Dear Jim:

I have been holding off in replying to your letter of 31 January in the hope that I might find it possible to accept Mr. Sullivan's kind invitation to address the National Military-Industrial Conference in April.

Unfortunately, I shall be away from here on April tenth and therefore cannot be in Chicago at that time.

I enclose a copy of a letter I have just dispatched to Mr. Sullivan which is self-explanatory. I know that Mr. Kirkpatrick will give a highly worthwhile presentation.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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Jan. 31st, 1961

Mr. Allen W. Dulles,  
Central Intelligence Agency.,  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Allen:

The Military and Industrial Conference, which is a project of the Institute for American Strategy, is an annual affair, held each year in Chicago, and attended by a great many important people, both from civil and military life. I understand that they have invited you to address them at a luncheon on Monday, April 10th, and my information is based on the fact that they have asked me to act as chairman of the luncheon, and to introduce you, in case you can accept. You may be amused that they asked me to introduce Zorlu of Turkey, then Minister of Foreign Affairs, at a previous meeting, two years ago, as I recall it. I did it with reluctance, having known him all too well in 1950, when he was the official liason man between the Turkish government and the so-called "Barker" mission to Turkey. In contrast, I shall accept the present invitation with alacrity and enthusiasm in case you are able to be the guest of the Conference, as I hope that you will.

If you come to Chicago, Margaret and I shall be delighted if you will make 1430 Lake Shore Drive your habitation and headquarters, should that suit your convenience. If Clover would come too, it would be even more delightful. Should you prefer to relax, we can dine "en famille", or if you would like to do so, we can have a dinner party for you.

We leave here for a fortnight in Chicago, beginning February third.

With best regards,



J. M. Barker